HOUSE BILL 565 By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to domestic abuse, orders of protection and violations of such orders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, is amended by adding a new section:

Section 36-3-625.

- (a) A person commits the offense of violation of a domestic violence order who knowingly violates an order of protection issued pursuant to this part or a restraining order involving a party who is a victim as defined in § 36-3-601(8).
- (b) Violation of a domestic violence order is a Class A misdemeanor. Any sentence imposed for violation of this section shall be served day for day in continuous confinement, without eligibility for work release or other programs. If a violation of this act also constitutes a separate criminal offense, then the sentence for violation of this section shall be served consecutively to the sentence for that separate criminal offense based on the same facts, in whole or in part, as the violation of the order of protection or restraining order.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.